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A Message from Mother Ann concerning the use of cider and ardent Spirits, delivered to the Church at Hancock Sabbath afternoon May 16th 1841.

The Instrument said there are some matters Brethren & Sisters that I wish to speak of altho it is a cross to say any thing about them; but they are so impressed upon me that I cannot get by it. It is in relation to the use of Cider & ardent Spirits

1 No one of the Brethren or boys are to go to the kitchen at all for cider. There must be one

of the Brethren appointed to take
care of the cider, ~~There must~~
and to deal out what is necessary
and this brother must keep the
key to the cellar door, and let no
one have it or put it where any
one can get it. Brethren you
are not to send the boys after
cider at all and if they come
to you who have the care of it
you must not let them have any
Every one are forbidden to go to
the kitchen for one drop at any
time. There needs be no jugs
or bottles filled to carry into the
lots. If we are at work about
home and want a little cider
between meals we can go to him

who has the care of it ourselves, and get some. this will be much better than to send a child.

The time has been if any wanted it they were allowed a pint in the forenoon and a pint in the afternoon, besides what they drank with their meals; but now the way has become so streight that we are allowed only a half a pint in the forenoon and half a pint in the afternoon and this is enough at the most.

To drink much cider on an empty stomach, only knaws upon the stomach and injures the health.

Next there must be two sisters appointed in the family who are able to bear a burden to take care of the cider key. And I desire sisters who ever you be that you would keep the key close ~~keep~~ it with you where ever you are. I know it must be a burden to you, and also to the brother who is appointed to attend to this duty, but it is the gift of heaven for us to come to it.

We must certainly attend to these things or we shall come under loss.

Now sisters you who have it to see to, see that you put on equal qua-

ntity upon the table, according to the number that sit at the square, and watch the cups &. if you finde they do not use it all put on less. No one is to go to another cup and drink a part of their cider before they sit down or afterwards (ie) to step and drain the cups after (ally) one. If any do this they break order in so doing. See that you who have the care of the cider use no partiality, & think o here is my dear friend. I will give him or her a little. If you do you break order and will have to confess it.

I want you should all hear and understand what I say and attend to it.

There is no one to offer any one a drop of cider or spirits let them come from where they will, whether world or believers. Even if they ask for it you are not to give them any, except those at the Office, and for medicine, those placed in the nursing line. and they will be counseld what to do.

I say to him who has the care of the cider keep the key in your pocket, and be carefull not to deal out any more than

what is allowed to the best friend you have, if they beg for it ever so hard make no difference.

Neither offer the hired men or drop in any shape or manner nor let any one have any for them.

Brethren & Sisters there must surely be an alteration in many things or we shall surely fall behind all other believers in the land of Israel. And this work we must now do essaying to do it will not answer any longer.

There never ought to be a man hired on the premises of believers, to work for a longer

or shorter time, without having it in the contract that they shall have no kind of Spirituous liquors except in case of sickness, and no cider only with their meals.

No hired men are to go into the cellar at any time not even to get beer, let some one carry it to them.

One thing more in relation to what we take in the medical line. I sometimes fear there is more calling upon the nurses than is really necessary. Not but that people may be

unwell and infirmee and it
may be necessary sometimes
But I think you that have the
care aught to know what they
have, and not give any one
more than they need. if
more medicine is needed give
it in water or something beside
spirits

Now Brethren and sisters
some of you may think these
things are hard, but who can
we blame? It cannot be those
who have the keys, they are
not to be blamed, for all must
know that they have a cross

to wear, and a burden to bear

In the first place we must blame kind heaven, in the next place the Ministry next the Elders.

One of the inspired brethren said what had been spoken was spoken in the gift of God, and he was thankfull to hear it.

If any one found fault with it or cast any reflections on the Instrument the judgments of God would come upon them, as he the instrument had cleared his skirts, and if we disobey his counsel we alone would have to bear it.

Numbers expressed their thankfulness for the gift.

One of the visionists said this was a message from Mother Ann. And that Father William stood on one side and Father James on the other side of the instrument. and the Prophet Jeremiah was here to witness to the truth of it ..

And if any one dares to disobey or break one of these orders or this counsel, and do not confess it before the come into meeting you will have to be accountable for it, for surely you present your

selves with the faithfull under
a wait of condemnation.